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SOUTHBOUND 405 FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE CANCELLED REGULAR LANE CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR SAN DIEGO FREEWAY (WEEKLY UPDATE)

INGLEWOOD – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has cancelled a full freeway closure of all lanes on the southbound San Diego Freeway (I-405) at Century Boulevard, Monday, December 20 and Tuesday, December 21.

Caltrans will continue regularly scheduled work on various northbound and southbound I-405 lanes from Jefferson Boulevard to Imperial Highway, nightly, weather permitting, Monday, December 20 through Wednesday, December 22 for High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane and soundwall construction. The closures are:

NIGHTLY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, AND TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21:

The following northbound I-405 connectors, lanes, and ramps will be closed nightly from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.: up to two lanes from El Segundo Boulevard to the eastbound I-105 connector; up to two lanes from the eastbound I-105 connector to Manchester Boulevard; and up to three lanes from Manchester Boulevard to Braddock Avenue. The La Tijera Boulevard off-ramp will be closed daily from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The following southbound I-405 connectors and lanes will be closed nightly from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.: up to three southbound regular use lanes will be closed intermittently from La Cienega Boulevard to Century Boulevard; all lanes from Century Boulevard to Imperial Highway; and up to two lanes from the I-405 connector to I-105; all lanes from Arbor Vitae Street to Century Boulevard; all lanes from Arbor Vitae Street overcrossing to I-105; all connector lanes from Century Boulevard to Imperial Highway.

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The following southbound I-405 ramps will be closed nightly from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m.: Imperial Highway/La Cienega Boulevard on-ramp; eastbound and westbound Century Boulevard off-ramp; westbound Century Boulevard on-ramp; Olive Boulevard /Manchester Boulevard on-ramp; La Tijera Boulevard on-ramp; and Sepulveda Boulevard/Centinela Boulevard on-ramp.

DAYTIME, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22:

The northbound I-405 La Tijera Boulevard off-ramp will be closed from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The following southbound I-405 ramps will be closed from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.: Imperial Highway/La Cienega Boulevard on-ramp; Olive Boulevard /Manchester Boulevard on-ramp; La Tijera Boulevard on-ramp; and Sepulveda Boulevard/Centinela Boulevard on-ramp.

Construction of the \$34.7 million I-405 HOV lane project began in spring, 2003. The project will add 5.1 miles of HOV lanes in both the northbound and southbound directions along I-405 between Route 105 and Route 90. Soundwalls will be built at various locations. The timeframe for completion is winter, 2006.

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